

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2214

Introduced by Assembly Member Fuentes

February 18, 2010

An act to add Sections 33103.5 and 33216 to the Public Resources Code, relating to public resources.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2214, as introduced, Fuentes. Public resources: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy: Pacoima Wash.

Existing law establishes the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy in the Natural Resources Agency and specifies the authority and purposes of the conservancy.

This bill would require the conservancy to prepare a coordinated development and recreational access plan on or before June 30, 2011, for the Pacoima Wash, as the bill would define that term. The bill would require the conservancy to use existing budget resources and voluntary private and nonprofit local resources when preparing the plan, and to request voluntary cooperation of other governmental authorities with jurisdiction over the Pacoima Wash. The bill would require the plan to provide, among other things, for the establishment of a greenbelt in the Pacoima Wash, and the acquisition of real property in and abutting the Pacoima Wash and the subsequent lease, rental, sale, or other transfer of that property for park purposes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 33103.5 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:

33103.5. "Pacoima Wash" means ____.

SEC. 2. Section 33216 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:

33216. (a) The conservancy shall prepare a coordinated development and recreational access plan on or before June 30, 2011, for the Pacoima Wash.

(b) In preparing the plan required by subdivision (a), the conservancy shall use existing budget resources and voluntary private and nonprofit local resources, and request voluntary cooperation of the other governmental authorities with jurisdiction over the Pacoima Wash.

(c) The plan required by subdivision (a) shall provide for all of the following:

(1) Development of a greenbelt around the Pacoima Wash as a priority of the conservancy.

(2) Acquisition of real property in and abutting the Pacoima Wash, and the subsequent lease, rental, sale, or other transfer of that property for park purposes.

(3) A means by which to apply for grants or loans to purchase or restore park, recreation, conservation, or open-space opportunities in the Pacoima Wash.

(4) Acceptance of dedications or easements of tax delinquent property in the Pacoima Wash.

(5) Implementation of a program designed to provide and enhance recreational access to the Pacoima Wash for residents of the San Fernando Valley.

(6) The establishment of a greenbelt in the Pacoima Wash.

(d) The Legislature intends that at the beginning of its new charge to prepare a plan pursuant to subdivision (a), the commission do so within its existing budgetary resources. As grant opportunities present themselves, the Legislature intends that the commission apply for those grants. In instances when it cannot apply for grants due to ineligibility, the Legislature encourages the commission to partner on those grants with the community-based organization Pacoima Beautiful, which is a major community stakeholder in the San Fernando Valley with a

1 vested interest in seeing the Pacoima Wash develop into a
2 greenbelt.

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